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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1725**

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Applicant(s): Jeremiah E. Halley, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.